

## Remarks

Applicant and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

### I. Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claims 43-45 for informalities.

In Claim 43, line 9, "an" has been changed to "a", as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 43-45 are now believed free from informalities.

### II. Rejection of Claims 34, 35, 38, and 40 under 35 USC 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 34, 35, 38, and 40 under USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Lathrop (US 4,613,728).

Independent Claims 34 has been amended to more particularly point out that which Applicant regards as his invention. Specifically, the structure of the apparatus has been further defined in that the auxiliary inner chamber is "positioned to interface with the base inner chamber;" and the apparatus is also recited as further comprising "an alternating current female electrical power outlet positionable between the base inner chamber and the auxiliary inner chamber and removable therefrom for providing access to the auxiliary inner chamber from the base inner chamber".

Lathrop teaches a base housing and power outlet housing that are affixed together, with the power outlet socket accessible from the base housing inner chamber, the sockets protruding through apertures in a wall of the base housing. This structure demands that

wiring be accomplished prior to connecting the power outlet housing and base housing together, and thereby prevents access to the electrical wiring through the base housing.

The present invention, on the other hand, permits (see, for example FIG. 8) access to the electrical wiring after installation, since the chambers of the base housing and the power outlet housing are in communication, and thus permits wiring or re-wiring through the base open front.

Therefore, it is respectfully believed that Claim 34, and Claims 35, 38, and 40 dependent therefrom, patentably define over Lathrop.

### III. Rejection of Claims 46 and 47 under 35 USC 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 46 and 47 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Eiken.

Independent Claim 46 has been amended to more particularly point out that which Applicant regards as his invention. Specifically, the alternating power plug is further recited as "having an outlet surface facing into the base housing and a power outlet body positioned within the power outlet housing". Again, as with Lathrop discussed above, Eiken teaches a fixed side wall between the base housing and the power outlet housing, which in Eiken is in fact a division of a unitary housing and not a connectable entity of itself.

Therefore, Claim 46 and Claim 47 dependent therefrom are believed not to be anticipated by Eiken.

**IV. Rejection of Claims 36, 39, 41, and 42 under 35 USC 103(a)**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 36 and 41 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lathrop in view of Eiken; Claim 39, over Lathrop in view of Boteler (US 4,062,470); and Claim 42, over Lathrop in view of Carson et al. (US 5,189,259).

As these claims depend, directly or indirectly, from Claim 34, believed allowable, Claims 36, 39, 41, and 42 are also believed patentable over the cited art.

**V. Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-32, 37, and 43-45 are allowable or allowed, which Applicant acknowledges with appreciation.

Claims 1-8, 10-13, and 43 have been amended to remove recitations that are not believed to add patentable weight and serve to obscure the technical essence of the invention. No new matter has been added thereby, and these claims are still believed to be allowable.

**VI. New Claim 51**

New Claim 51 has been added to more particularly point out that which Applicant regards as his invention. The claim is directed to a "method for mounting cordless device hardware", and includes recitations including "threading electrical wiring through an aperture in a power outlet housing mounted within a wall structure of a building; passing the electrical wiring through the power outlet housing and into an inner chamber of a base housing removably connected to the power outlet housing; pulling the electrical wiring out

of an open front of the base housing in spaced relation from the building wall structure; connecting the electrical wiring to an alternating current power outlet having at least one power outlet socket on a front face thereof; positioning the alternating current power outlet within the auxiliary chamber, the front face facing into the base inner chamber; and placing a cover plate over the base housing, the cover plate openable to provide access to the power outlet, thereby reducing an overall depth of a combination of the base housing and the power outlet housing within the building structure, and providing a significantly lower profile for the power outlet relative to the building wall structure.” The steps are contained in, for example, FIG. 12.

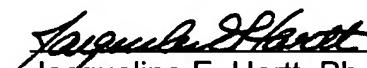
No new matter has been added with the addition of this claim. As independent Claim 48 has been canceled, no additional fee is believed required.

## **Conclusions**

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments place this application in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is respectfully solicited. The Applicant and the undersigned would like to again thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application and for reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the

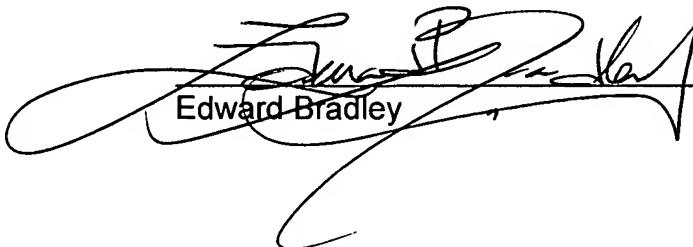
arguments presented. If the further prosecution of the application can be facilitated through telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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